GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Immunisation Coverage
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that the number of infants breastfed within an hour of birth has decreased in all the districts of North-Eastern region of the country particularly in Meghalaya during 2014-15 to 2015-16 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any plan to address the issue and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the immunisation coverage in the region has decreased during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan of action to improve the immunisation coverage in the North-Eastern region of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) As per National Family Health Survey − 4 (2015-16), all the areas in North Eastern region including Meghalaya have shown an increase in early initiation of breastfeeding as compared to National Family Health Survey − 3 (2005-06). State-wise status of early initiation of breastfeeding for North Eastern region is as below:

Key indicators Early Initiation of Breastfeeding within an hour of Birth (%)

Sr. No.	STATES	(NFHS 3, 2005 -06)	(NFHS 4, 2015-16)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	55.0	58.7
2	Assam	50.7	64.4
3	Manipur	57.2	65.4
4	Meghalaya	58.6	60.6
5	Mizoram	65.5	70.2
6	Nagaland	51.4	53.2
7	Sikkim	43.3	66.5
8	Tripura	33.1	44.4

(b) Government has implemented a nationwide programme called "Mothers' Absolute Affection" (MAA) Programme which aims to promote breastfeeding across the country including Meghalaya and other North Eastern States. The goal of the programme is to revitalize efforts towards promotion, protection and support of breastfeeding practices through health systems and community mobilisation. To implement this "Mothers' Absolute Affection" programme, funding support is being provided to States and UTs as per their proposals in the Annual Programme Implementation Plan of National Health Mission.

(c) As per National Family Health Survey 4 (2015-16), the full immunization coverage has increased in all the states of North-Eastern region as compared to National Family Health Survey 3 (2005-06). The state-wise details of full

immunization coverage in North-Eastern states are as below.

State/UT	NFHS-3 (2005-06) %	NFHS-4 (2015-16)

	%
Arunachal Pradesh	28.4 38.2
Assam	31.6 47.1
Manipur	46.8 65.9
Meghalaya	32.8 61.5
Mizoram	46.4 50.5
Nagaland	21.0 35.7
Sikkim	69.6 83.0
Tripura	49.7 54.5

(d) In order to improve immunization coverage, routine immunization is being strengthened through cold chain improvement, use of microplanning tools and rapid coverage evaluation surveys. To further accelerate the increase in the full immunization coverage across the country including North-Eastern states, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had launched Mission Indradhanush in December 2014 which targets unimmunized and partially immunized children. A total of 88 districts of North-Eastern states have been covered during the four phases of Mission Indradhanush wherein 5.82 lakh children and 1.35 lakh pregnant women have been covered apart from those covered under routine immunization programme..

Government of India has identified 52 districts in North-Eastern states to be covered during the Intensified Mission Indradhanush starting from 7th October 2017 with an aim to increase the full immunization coverage to at least 90% by December 2018.

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